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Dear School Administrator:

It is a pleasure to announce a statewide initiative to assist students in grades 7-14 access to career assessment and planning resources. Develop Your Future™ and the Kuder® Career Planning System, powered by Kuder®, will be provided to all high schools, area vocational schools, community colleges, and apprenticeship consortiums in Missouri.

The Kuder® Career Planning System combines an online career portfolio with the research-based Kuder® Career Search interest inventory, Kuder® Skills Assessment, and Super's Work Values Inventory® - revised. Assessment results are empirically aligned with the Missouri Career Clusters, customized with direct links to local resources, and provided immediately upon completion of the assessments.

Develop Your Future™ is a step-by-step career planning curriculum that creates optimal integration of classroom instruction and web-based resources. The lesson plans will help guide students through the online system and career planning process with minimal prep time.

The statewide system, sponsored by Missouri's Tech Prep Consortia, provides a database of individual and aggregate results that may be accessed at the local and state levels. Administrators will have a unique opportunity to connect directly with students, parents, and counselors through the database. Aggregate data may assist individual career counseling and program development. With this system, we plan to help students make informed choices as they prepare to transition to postsecondary education or the workforce.

Missouri students may access the system online at <http://mo.kuder.com>. This customized web page is the gateway to the online system and designed to link students directly to information on postsecondary institutions, financial aid options, and job opportunities in Missouri.

We are excited about this statewide effort to help Missouri students with their personal career planning. Together we can help students prepare for a successful future. Regional informational meetings about the information above began on September 30th and will run through October 29th. Kuder® Career Planning System regional training sessions will be held December 9th through January 2004.

If you have questions about the Kuder® Career Planning System informational meetings or training sessions, please contact Brenda Russell, Jefferson College Tech Prep Coordinator, at (636) 942-3000, ext.414; Shawn Brice, Director of Tech Prep, at (573) 522-1775; or contact your local Tech Prep Coordinator by following this link: http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoted/tp_contacts_locations.htm.

Sincerely,

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